

## Biennial Convention of Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada JULY 3 6 SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN

### "A Living Church" Is Convention Theme

Throughout the sessions of the convention held in Saskatoon, July 3-6 the wonderful convention theme "A Living Church" was constantly emphasized. From the very first session there was a very good attendance. Pastor John R. Groettum of Moose Jaw gave the opening address on Thursday morning, and spoke on the theme: "The Source of the Church's Life."

The first credential report indicated 18 pastors and 15 delegates present. Thursday afternoon Mayor Angus Macpherson of Saskatoon brought a greeting. Reports were heard from Pastor Dale, Mrs. G. Hendrickson, and a greeting read from Dr. J. A. Aasgaard.

Throughout the convention devotions were conducted by Dr. O. K. Storaasli, Pastor H. A. Strand, Pastor Amund Tveit, and Pastor A. K. Haugen. Vespers were conducted by Pastor J. B. Stolee, Pastor H. F. Johnson and Pastor I. J. Saugen. Guest speakers and others taking part in the convention were: Pastor Magnus Dahlen, Executive Secretary of the Department of Charities, who spoke on the work of his department, and Pastor E. C. Reinertson, Director of Evangelism, who took part together with Pastor Dahlen in the Thursday evening Year of Evangelism service; Pastor C. E. Johnson, Executive Secretary of Lutheran Brotherhood, who addressed the convention on Brotherhood and Boys' Work; Dr. Martin Anderson, president Eastern District, who spoke on "The World Council of Churches" and also brought a message on "A Living Church Is a Witnessing Church"; Missionary P. B. Stolee spoke on the work of the church abroad; Pastor J. T. Dahle delivered a message on "A Living Church Is a Ministering Church"; and Pastor John Precht spoke on "A Living Church Is a Giving Church." Dr. Selmer A. Berge of Fargo, N.D., spoke at the Sunday morning service on the theme: "Launch Out Into the Deep" and at the afternoon session on "A Living Church Is a Spirit Filled Church." The timely theme for the convention "A Living Church" was thus brought to the convention with power and inspiration. Everyone present could sense the urgency of the moment to bring to a distressed world the healing touch of the Gospel.

While the convention was in session the work was going forward in the building of the new Zion Lutheran Church. The impressive cornerstone laying took place immediately following the afternoon service.

### THE UNITED MISSION ADVANCE

Under this challenging title there is to be inaugurated a district wide appeal for funds for our Home and Foreign Missions. This ingathering was endorsed by the convention. Everyone must have a part. The doors are opened wide for missions. This ingathering will make possible the entering in through these opened doors. Publicity for this appeal will soon be available.

Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits them all. — O. W. Holmes.

### Important Decisions

Early in the convention working committees (the number was four) were elected and spent a busy time in preparing and presenting reports. Almost every resolution was accepted without revision.

Early in the convention, Friday morning, a very important decision came before the convention, namely, the nomination of Dr. O. K. Storaasli as second full-time professor at Luther Seminary. This nomination was presented in behalf of the Board of Education, the Board of Home Missions, and the Church Council. After a session of prayer the balloting took place with the result that the secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Dr. Storaasli for this important position. Dr. Storaasli is eminently fitted for this work both scholastically and also in the Christian zeal and fervor that he manifests.

The District Board of Education (see list under elections) together with Dr. J. R. Lavik, President Mars A. Dale, will constitute the controlling board of Luther Seminary at Saskatoon.

The resolution regarding self-support. We invite your serious consideration to the resolution that we as a church in Canada strive diligently to become self-supporting. The Home Mission congregations can speed the day of the realization of this aim by increasing the local support, and both the Home Mission congregations and the self-supporting congregations can aid by sending in a generous over-the-top contribution to the budget.

Perhaps there has been confusion in sending money to the various activities of our church in Canada. Some of it was sent to the receiving treasury in Saskatoon, and other funds were sent to the district treasurer. Assuming that there is need for a treasurer in a central place, the convention went on record as favoring the arrangement that the treasurer be elected from in or near Saskatoon. The name of the new treasurer will be found under elections in another column of this paper.

A resolution was adopted suggesting that a straw vote on the question of the change of name of our church in Canada be taken at this convention. The purpose was that our name might conform to that of our general church body. The result of the vote was 55 favoring a change of the name and 25 opposed. This only indicates the trend of thinking of the delegates and pastors who came unprepared to vote on the question. However, it is indicative of the general sentiment on this question.

Should we seek the establishment of a Canadian Lutheran Council? Through a resolution it was brought before the convention that we should have such a council. The resolution adopted by the convention was: "That the proposed revised constitution and by-laws of the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute be adopted by our church."

The Luther League Executive was elected at the last convention to serve as the Evangelistic Committee of the district. The executive has served well in this capacity. There are three full-time lay workers in the field, and many evangelists have been invited. However, a resolution was presented to the convention asking that a committee representative of the district as a whole be elected. A new committee was elected.

From the working committee on Education came the recommendation that there be sent out an urgent appeal for early enrollment in our Lutheran Schools in order that as many as possible receive Christian training. Overcrowded conditions in both Camrose College and the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute makes early registration imperative.

There is an opportunity of released time in our public schools in order that religion can be taught. The committee on education recommends that this released time be used. A mimeographed copy of the plan to make this possible has been circulated at the convention. This was prepared by the Christian Nurture Secretary of our District WMF, Mrs. G. Loken. The district recommends that this plan be implemented under the direction of the Board of Parish Education.

In referring to the blessings that have come to our district through our church schools. Pastor Mars A. Dale also made mention of the contribution made by the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute, and the place it holds in our district. During its history many have attended this institution. A great number of them have made a direct and effective contribution to our Canadian Church.

A resolution in regard to Evangelism was adopted. In this Year of Evangelism it is urged upon every circuit director to make every effort to speed the work. At a luncheon during a convention noon hour the circuit Evangelistic Directors gave reports of the work done in the circuits to date. There has been much ground work done. There is much to be thankful for. It was inspiring to hear the enthusiasm with which this great task was attempted. The great urgency is to get on with this program as quickly as possible. Special stress was laid on prayer, Bible reading and the great imperative that every believer be a witness for the Lord. Under the radio ministry it was deemed advisable that the same speaker bring the message each Sunday. It was felt that this would contribute to the effectiveness and uniformity of the radio ministry.

A neglected field in our church has been the finding of homes for "foster children" in our district. This was forcefully presented before the convention in the resolution found in this issue. Little children who need homes are waiting for hearts with a compassion for them that they might find a haven. We urge all to bring this challenge to aid unfortunate children.

### An Important Announcement

WHAT? Christian Workers' Institute.

WHERE? Christopher Lake, north of Prince Albert.

WHEN? August 10-17.

WHO? Christian workers; i.e. pastors, deacons, trustees, Sunday School teachers, Luther League officers and advisers, L.D.R. officers and advisers, W.M.F. officers and advisers, fathers and mothers, all adults who are sincerely concerned about becoming better fitted to do Christian work, and the families of the afore-mentioned. Notice that the emphasis is placed on the adult age level, which broadly defined includes late adolescence. COURSES?

Book Study with emphasis on Evangelism, Dr. R. H. Boyd, Luther Theo. Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

Doctrinal Study: Sanctification in relation to Evangelism, Dr. O. K. Storaasli.

Sunday School Teachers' Training Class: Miss Olson, Minneapolis, Minn.

Morning Chapel: Pastor M. S. Johnson.

Evening Vespers: Pastor A. M. Vinge.

Discussion Periods: On Luther League, L.D.R., W.M.F., congregation officers, led by various officers.

Children's Classes: Misses Clara Haugen and Doris Nelson.

COST?

Registration fee, \$1.00. Board \$8 for the week. Room \$1.00. Each person to bring his own bed clothing. All camp duties will be performed by paid workers.

MAKE your advance registration now by sending your name and address, with the \$1.00 fee, to S.L.B.I., Outlook, Sask.

### NEXT CONVENTION IN CAMROSE

The invitation of Camrose Lutheran Congregation to hold the next convention in Camrose was accepted. It was also decided to recommend to the committee arranging for the convention to take into consideration the possibility to have the convention on week days, not including a Sunday, and that it be held as close to the middle of June as possible.

### COMMUNION SERVICE

A Communion service was held in Zion Lutheran Church on Sunday morning. The Confessional Address was given by Pastor J. T. Dahle, and Dr. O. K. Storaasli served as liturgist. Service was held in Grace United Church on Sunday morning with Dr. O. K. Storaasli as liturgist. Dr. Selmer A. Berge spoke on Luke 5:4 on the theme: "Launch Out Into the Deep." The convention chorus under the direction of Dr. O. K. Storaasli sang the anthem "We Praise Thee O Lord." By the decision of the convention the offering went to Zion Lutheran Building Fund. The service was broadcast over CFQC.

In the afternoon Pastor Dale presided. Pastor G. J. Ostrem led in devotion, and the convention chorus sang four selections. Pastor and Mrs. R. Olson sang a duet. Dr. Berge gave the closing address, "A Living Church Is a Spirit-Filled Church." The cornerstone laying of the new Zion Church followed.



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## Resolutions

The Resolutions Committee submits the following resolutions:

1) Be it resolved that the Canada District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church express its gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings enjoyed during the past year, and for the opportunity of again convening in district convention.

2) Be it resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to Zion Lutheran Congregation and its pastor, Dr. O. K. Storaasli, and the ladies of the congregation, for the cordial hospitality that they have shown the visiting pastors, delegates and friends, and for their efficiency in serving such delicious home-cooked meals.

Be it further resolved that the district express its heartfelt thanks to Dr. O. K. Storaasli for his faithful and untiring efforts on behalf of the Church in the many spheres and activities in which he is associated with our church in Canada.

3) Be it resolved that on behalf of the convention and the Canada District we acknowledge deep gratitude to God for sending into our midst the Rev. Mars A. Dale. We thank him for his unstinting efforts, for his able and efficient leadership to our church, and for the definite contribution rendered thus far. May God continue to grant our president health, strength and wisdom for many fruitful years of service and usefulness among us.

4) Be it resolved that the convention express special thanks and its appreciation to the visiting speakers from the other side of the border; to Dr. Martin Anderson, to Pastor E. C. Reinertson, Pastor C. E. Johnson, Pastor Magnus Dahlen, Dr. Selmer Berge and Missionary P. B. Stolee for their inspiring messages. We also thank the speakers of the W.M.F. convention, especially Miss Arna Njaa and Sister Martha Grace Haugen.

5) Be it resolved that we wholeheartedly and enthusiastically enter into the Evangelistic Program for our church this year, and that we will endeavor to carry out with vitality the spirit of the program, "Every Christian a witness for Christ." Thanks go to Pastor A. M. Vinge, District Director, for his devoted and inspiring leadership.

6) In view of our Lord's command to make disciples of all nations, and in view of the pending United Mission Advance, we therefore resolve to promote and to give generously and sacrificially to this appeal, and we thank those who have so generously responded in the past.

7) In view of the fact that a meeting of world wide importance is held these days in Lund, Sweden, be it resolved that we join in prayer for God's blessing upon their deliberations.

8) Be it resolved that this convention rejoice and give thanks to God as we look forward to the realized hope of our own Seminary building here in Saskatoon, and we pray that God's blessings may rest upon this institution, the staff and those who go out from its doors.

9) Be it resolved that we rejoice with the local congregation as we view the construction of a beautiful edifice, to be their house of worship; and also in view of the fact that it will be the meeting place of our district conventions.

10) Since God in His wise counsel has seen fit to remove the Rev. A. J. Gubberud, Buchanan, Sask., and the Rev. N. R. Braa, Wetaskiwin, Alta., from their labors to their home in glory; Be it resolved that the convention express its gratitude to Almighty God for the services rendered by these servants of God, and extend our expression of sympathy to the bereaved families.

Respectfully submitted,  
O. H. OLSEN  
S. BRUN  
T. J. LANGLEY.

## Elections

Officers of the District: Vice-president, Rev. J. B. Stolee (1949) Birch Hills, Sask.; Secretary, Rev. J. T. Dahle (1949) Prince Albert, Sask.; Assistant Secretary, Rev. Lars Knudson (1949) Margo, Sask.; Treasurer, Mr. Vernon Borgerson (1949) Saskatoon, Sask.; Stewardship Secretary, Rev. M. B. Odland (1949) Weldon, Sask.

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Board of Education: Mr. S. Fengstad (1949) Parkside, Sask.; Rev. E. B. R. Haave (1949) Edberg, Alta.; Rev. Lars Knudson (1949) Margo, Sask.; Rev. H. F. Johnson (1951) Leroy, Sask.; Rev. K. C. Grundahl (1951) Camrose, Alta.

Board of Parish Education: Rev. A. K. Haugen (1949) Outlook, Sask.; Dr. O. K. Storaasli (1949) Saskatoon, Sask.; Mr. G. Loken (1949) Outlook, Sask.

Home Mission Committee: Rev. I. J. Saugen (1949) Viking, Alta.; Rev. G. O. Evenson (1949) Outlook, Sask.; Mr. S. Ness (1949) Camrose, Alta.; Rev. E. O. Walker (1951) Wetaskiwin, Alta.; Mr. Arvid Wickstrom (1951) Admiral, Sask.

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District Evangelistic Committee: Rev. A. M. Vinge (1949) Camrose, Alta.; Rev. M. S. Johnson (1949) Outlook, Sask.; Rev. I. J. Saugen (1949) Viking, Alta.

### Valhalla Centre Parish

The Valhalla L.D.R. were torchbearers to a new group at Norden Lutheran congregation on May 28. There are now three L.D.R.'s in the Peace River Circuit, Valhalla Centre and Sexsmith organized in March, 1946. Circuit L.D.R. president is Miss Dolores B. Melsness.

Valhalla Centre has "gone over the top" of its L.W.A. quota of \$528.00. More than half of the budget for this year has already been paid. Penny-a-meal containers brought in \$189.00 for the whole parish.

### Silver Wedding

A well known couple of the community, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Velve celebrated the silver anniversary of their marriage with an open house at their home, June 9th. Close to a hundred friends and neighbors gathered to observe the happy occasion with the Velve's. Pastor Strand acted as master of ceremonies and spoke on behalf of the congregation where Mr. and Mrs. Velve are valued members, Mr. Velve having been chairman of the church board for more than 12 years. In that capacity as well as in other respects he has been a most faithful steward of the Master. Mrs. Velve is one of those women whose "price is far above rubies." "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

God has richly blessed the Velve's and their home is a place to which it is always good to come. They both hail from Selby, Norway, and greetings in poetic form had come from relatives in the old land.

At the close of a program of song and speeches by Dr. Ronning and others, the bride and groom responded, deeply touched and the groom reminisced in a lighter vein from the pioneer days when all the furniture except the stove were home made, paying a loving tribute to his faithful bride of 25 years. A chest of silver flatware was presented by Pastor Strand to the couple on behalf of those present, wishing them many more years of blessing and happiness. The Velve's have two children, Inger and Julian.

### SUNSET HOME APPEAL

Pastors and Congregations in Alberta: We have been favored by the decision of the church convention. The decision was in regard to the home for the aged, that the money raised in Alberta during this appeal now starting, will be retained in Alberta.

It was also decided that the canvass be carried out this summer. It is now under way. You will have the blessed opportunity to aid in making possible a happy home for our old friends—not even to mention such a home for ourselves at some future date.

Christ said: "Whatsoever ye have done unto the least of my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." It is His work. We are stewards of our possessions entrusted to us by the Lord. Let us invest also here for the Kingdom. Each one will need to give our support. Our subscriptions will need to be large to insure success in this venture. God loveth a cheerful giver.

G. J. Ostrem.

### OBITUARY

#### Mrs. Lars Paulgaard

Mrs. Lars Paulgaard (nee Gunhild Halvorson) age 47, passed away June 12, 1947. She was born in Bang, Valdres, Norway, September 13, 1899. She was predeceased by her small son Donald in 1941. The funeral service was conducted at Our Saviour's Church, Bodo, Alberta, June 15, 1947. Dr. H. T. Egedahl officiated.

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#### Mrs. Aaste Knudsvig

Mrs. Aaste Knudsvig passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Ofrim March 27, 1947. She was born in Telemarken, Norway, July 15, 1862. She died at the age of 84 years. She was one of the active members of Camrose Lutheran and one of the oldest members of the Ladies' Aid. Funeral service was held on March 31, Pastor Grundahl officiating.

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#### Mrs. O. Dahl

Torquay lost one of its old pioneers in the death of Mrs. O. Dahl. She was 83 years old. Mrs. Dahl had been a faithful worker in the Lac Qui Parle congregations.

### W.M.F. CONVENTION REPORT

By Mrs. J. B. Haave

The 14th biennial convention of the W.M.F. of Canada District was called to order by the president, Mrs. G. Hendrickson, July 3, at Saskatoon. The theme verse for the convention is: Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul. The nominating committee, one member from each circuit, elected at the morning session was: Prince Albert, Mrs. August Nelson, Bagley; Saskatoon, Mrs. G. O. Evenson, Outlook; Yorkton, Mrs. A. Tveit, Preeceville; Moose Jaw, Mrs. Vinge, Torquay; Swift Current, Mrs. J. B. Haave, Admiral; Southern Alberta, Mrs. A. Berg, Claresholm; Camrose, Mrs. R. Lyseng; Edmonton, Mrs. O. Likness; Peace River, Mrs. O. Lundberg, Sexsmith; Mrs. H. Haakonson, Admiral, and Mrs. J. Precht, Torquay, were elected to the Credential

Committee, and later reported a total registration of 63 members; 27 delegates, 10 visitors, 6 circuit presidents, 8 district officers, 17 pastors' wives, 1 deaconess; and delegates from the circuits as follows: Prince Albert, 3; Saskatoon, 2; Yorkton, 2; Swift Current, 5; Moose Jaw, 3; Southern Alberta, 3; Camrose 6; Edmonton, 3.

The convention hymn, "O Can You Sing the New Song of Salvation," No. 15 in Concordia, was sung frequently and the women learned to love it and to love to sing it also. May we all strive to learn more of our beautiful hymns and let the harmony of notes as well as the wonderful Gospel truths sink deep into our hearts.

W.M.F. Bible Camp days were highly recommended. Some recommendations from the Workers' Conferences held last fall were adopted, being: 1. That each Ladies' Aid send \$5.00 yearly to their circuit treasurer. 2. That all W.M.F. monies be sent to Miss Norma Lyseng, financial secretary, Luther Seminary, Saskatoon. 3. Each Ladies' Aid set aside a definite day for a temperance program. 4. All circuit officers to serve for two years and stand for only one re-election.

Dr. Storaasli presented to the women the need for kitchen equipment for the new Seminary in Saskatoon. The Federation accepted the responsibility of this appeal unanimously. A letter will be sent to all Aids in the near future regarding this appeal. All donations are asked to be in the form of money so that those responsible may purchase the necessary materials.

Mrs. P. B. Stolee pictured to us the life of the women of Madagascar. Pastor C. E. Johnson spoke on "Scouting Activities in Our Church," the necessity of organized activity for the young boys in our congregations.

One of the outstanding moments of our W.M.F. convention, was the inspirational Bible Studies conducted by Mrs. Mars A. Dale, under the heading "Great Songs of The Bible" and divided into 1. Songs of Deliverance; 2. Songs of Fulfilment; 3. Songs of Victory, based on Isaiah 12:2, "Jehovah is my strength and my Song, and is become my Salvation". Songs of Deliverance—Jehovah is my Strength. Songs of Fulfilment—Jehovah is my Song. Songs of Victory—Jehovah is become my Salvation. A special study was made of the Song of Moses, Exodus 15; Song of Mary, Luke 1: 46-55; Songs of Victory in Heaven, the glorious shouts of the redeemed, from the Book of Revelation.

The officers elected are as follows: President, Mrs. J. B. Haave, Admiral, Sask.; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. P. Bjornson, Tofield, Alta.; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Horace Johnson, Torquay, Sask.; Secretary, Mrs. L. McFarlane, Langham, Sask. Department secretaries: Missions, Mrs. S. Bue, Macoun, Sask.; Charities, Mrs. M. Leiren, Bawlf, Alta.; Self-Denial, Mrs. E. M. Bergh, Camrose, Alta.; Deaconess, Mrs. Laura Brown, 601 Temperance St., Saskatoon; Education, Mrs. L. Bergum, Donald, Alta.; Christian Nurture, Mrs. G. Loken, Outlook; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Ellsworth Pederson, Outlook, Sask.; Life Membership and In Memoriam, Mrs. O. Lundberg, Sexsmith, Alta.; Promotion, Publicity and Radio, Mrs. O. Storaasli, 710 Albert Ave., Saskatoon; Literature, Mrs. J. Holte, Kingman, Alta.; Historian, Mrs. Arnold Hagen, Saskatoon; Editor, Mrs. G. Hoyme, Camrose, Alta. These officers were installed by the retiring president, after which Mrs. Ottoson of Naicam, sang "Take My Life."

Mrs. Grundahl of Camrose, presented to us a forceful and direct message on Temperance. This message is to be printed in The Shepherd, and also to be prepared into tract form.

Those of us who were privileged to attend were much blessed and received a deeper insight into the beauty and wonder of our glorious Gospel.



Jeg er den gode Hyrde.  
Joh. 10:11

# Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE.—Joh. 10:7

Wadena, Sask., July, 1947.

Den gode Hyrde setter sit  
liv til for faarene.  
Joh. 10:11

## Dersom Eders Rettferdighet

6 s. etter Trefoldighet—Matt. 5:20-26

I bergprekenen gjennomlyser Jesus vaare hjerter. I dette evangelium er det særlig kjærlighet i tanke og tale han etterlyser. Er den ikke større enn hos fariseerne og de skriftlærde i Israel, da mangler vi baaden den troens og livets rettferdighet som Herren krever. Han stenger himmerikes dør, og ingen lukker op. "... da kommer I ingenlunde inn ..."

Hvor vakker og skinnede fariseerens egenrettferdighet var i hans egne øyne, ja, til og med i menneskers øyne. Men for ham som ser i det skjulte og dømmer over hjertets tanker og raad, var fariseerens klær plettet og pjaltet. Var og er. For fariseeren er ikke død. Han har dype røtter i vaar natur. Han liker seg inn i vaare tanker, han lever i hver krok av vaart hjerte. Han blir støtt over den minste antydning av kritikk over "sitt kjære jeg." Han blir sint og bruker haarde ord mot sin bror og har vondt for aa tilgi og glemme. Kjenner du til denne fariseiske surdeig i ditt hjerteliv? Jesus ser den.

Du kjenner sikkert røntgenstraalene (X-rays). Fotografiet som tas med røntgenstraaler, viser det vonde, og som regel maa det skjæres bort. Tenk om du og jeg fikk vaare hjerter fotografert, slik gjennomlyst at hjertets vrede tanker og urene begjæringer, dets dristige planer og vantro forsakthet kunne sees paa fotografiet. Ville vi ikke skynne oss til fotografen og si: "Kjære Dem, la meg faa den platen! Ingen maa faa se den, ikke engang mine nærmeste."

Og likevel trenger vi just aa sees slik selv, at det kunne bli innlysende for oss, hvor selviske, urene og jammerlige vi er paa saa mange vis. Da vekkes begjær etter lægedom—"balsam i Gilead." Den trang vil Jesus vekke. Ved sine ord "røntgenfotograferer" han aandelig talt vaart hjerte. Vi ser, dersom vi vill se, hvor fattigslig stelt det er med kjærligheten, sannheten og renheten. Og vi drages til ham som alene kan gi oss rettferdighet, den som overgaar fariseernes: Jesu rettferdighet, som mottas og eies i tro.

Hvor vi har vanskelig for aa komme til selverkjennelsens dybder. Jesus nevner et enkelt utslag av vaart hjertes naturlige vanart. De vrede tanker, den saarende tale. Hvor lette sinnet settes i bevegelse, naar vi ikke faar den ros vi synes vi hadde fortjent, eller vi blir refset for forsømmelse og uforstand. Saa taler vi vrede ord. "Tanker er tollfri," sier et gammelt ord. Med ved himmelens port gjelder det ord ikke. Det gjelder ikke i noe forhold. Jesus etterlyser den første svulmende uvilje, den som vokser og blir til hat. Og han viser en vei aa gaa, en vei som ogsaa hver den VII gaa, som Guds Aand har faatt kaste straaler i hjertet fra den store kjærlighet, Kristi kjærlighet.

Og veien er denne: Gaa til den som har støtt deg, eller som du har forurettet. Se til aa faa ordnet ditt mellomværende. Men la Jesus faa være tredjemann. Han legger sitt kjærlighetsoffer og sin mektige forbønn til. Din uvenn blir forundret, rørt vil han bli. Og du vinner din bror, fordi du har overvunnet deg selv. Da er du paa vei til den rettferdighet som overgaar fariseernes. Og du vinner den under Kristi evangeliums varmende straaler, under rensende strømme fra Golgatas kors.

Og hva blir frukten for ditt indre liv? Fred og glede i den Hellige Aand. Noe av det sinnelag som var i

## Er du en Navnkristen?

8 s. etter tref. Matt. 7: 15-21

"Ikke enhver som sier til mig: Herre! Herre! skal komme inn i himlenes rike, men den som gjør min Faders vilje som er i himmelen." Klare, tydelige ord. Jesus er en mester i alt, ogsaa i aa finne det klare ord som sprenger mørket og uklarheten slik at utsynet ligger aapent. Menneskelig daarskap fortsetter ustanselig det gamle arbeid med aa veve sitt hjernespinn over vaart menneskeliv med usannhet og uklok forvirring og forvillelse over livsveien. Med et slag river Jesus hjernespinnet i stykker. "Min Faders vilje som er i himmelen!" Der er veien. Gaa den og du kommer fram. Min kjære kristne venn: det er din vei ogsaa. Du kan ha mange hensyn aa ta i dette ditt menneskeliv. Dypest set er der likevel bare ett hensyn: hensynet til Guds, din Faders vilje. Du kan være bunnet av mange baand her i verden, men husk framfor alle ting paa at for deg som en kristen er der dog bare ett baand, din Faders vilje som er i himmelen.

Ditt menneskeliv har mange røtter, men la alle dine dypeste røtter være i Gud. La saa din sjel ingen bekymring gjøre seg for frukten. Er du plantet i den grunn saa blir det rikelig frukt, edel frukt. Frukt for Guds rike og til hans ære. Det slaar aldri feil. Men naar du hører om dem som sier, Herre! Herre! men ikke gjør Guds vilje, saa la det fylle deg med beven, la det fylle deg med bønn. Herre, er det meg som er en aandsforlatt kristen, en margløs kristen? Er det meg som er det daarlige tre med den daarlige frukt? Navnkristendom? Du er kristendommens skjendsel, kristendommens vrengebilde i verden.

Og navnkristendommens frukter. Det er de som tømmer de falske profeters prekestole, det er den som gjør at de bærer sitt hode høyt. Der er hverken i tiden eller evigheten noe som er elendigere enn aa være en navnkristen.

Vil du, kjære venn komme inn i Guds rike, da overgi deg til Gud og bli hans barn. Bli hans eiendom like inn til den innerste trevl, den innerste fold i ditt hjerte. Og om du er begynt aa gjøre det, saa gjør det hver dag paanytt. En daglig fornyelse ved Guds Aand gjennom Ordet og bønnene og sakramentet.

Og om det enn i dette livsløp blir din lodd og del aa være en synder som sukker: O hvo der kunne det ene kun lære seg aa opofre med hjerte og hu! saa skal du likevel være og bli en salig synder. Salig i og ved Jesus.

Alle salige syndere paa jord peker som med en haand paa Jesus, vitner med en munn om Jesus at han alene er synderes frelse. Saa grip Jesus Kristus fatt. Grip med troens haand. Om slutt ham med hele ditt hjertes hengivelse, og si det til ham: Her har du meg, kjære Herre Jesus! Ta meg som jeg er og frels meg. Jeg makter

Kristus Jesus. For en livsfrukt for verden! Aa, hvor den trenger slike mennesker, mennesker som eier Jesu rettferdighet. Har du den? Har du begynt aa gaa selvprøvelsens vei under Kristi milde, men gjennomtrengende blikk? Har du aapnet ditt hjerte for de kjærlighetsstraaler som Guds Aand lar lyse deg i møte fra korset? Slik at du overviner deg selv og vinner din bror? Prøv deg selv. Da eier du en rettferdighet som overgaar fariseernes og de skriftlærdes.

—H. Arnholt Strand.

ingenting, men du formaar alt, for du har all makt i himmel og paa jord, du alene kan frelse til det ytterste. Du kom for aa søke og frelse det som var fortapte. Skap meg til en sann kristen. Foren meg med deg, saa jeg kan være din baade for tid og evighet.

Hør mennske, ditt kristennavn kun da er deg til trøst og gavn, Naar du som kristen lever. Hvi pryder du dermed din sak Og gjør dog ei paa naadens dag, Hvad Gud av dig utkrever? O Jesus, kjære Herre Gud, All syndens lyst driv fra oss ut, Oplys oss alle sammen. Regjer oss ved din Hellig Aand, Og led oss ved din naadehaand Til himlens glede. Amen.

## KOM JESUS KRISTUS IHU OG FULLFØR DIN TJENESTE!

"Kom Jesus Kristus ihu," skriver Paulus til den forsakte Timoteus. La det være ogsaa et ord til oss. La oss stadig komme Jesus Kristus ihu. Vi trenger det. La oss komme ihu hvad han gjorde for oss. Han vant oss en evig forløsning slik at vi i hans blod har frimodighet til aa gaa inn i helligdommen.—

La oss komme ihu, at han ved troen bor i vaare hjerter, og at han bruker alle ting til aa vinne skikkelse i oss.— La oss ogsaa komme ihu hans eksempel, ikke minst hvorledes han møtte livets vanskeligheter og hvad resultatet blev. Han blev fristet som vi, men seiret ved aa holde sig til det som stod skrevet og englene kom og tjente ham. Nu kan han komme dem til hjelp som blir fristet.

Han maatte oppleve aa bli misforstått. Han møtte uvilje og motstand, spot og forfølgelse og til slutt korsdøden. Men han led taalmodig. Hebreerbrevets forfatter formaner oss til aa følge Jesu eksempel. "La oss," sier han, "med frimodighet løpe i den kamp som er oss foresatt, idet vi ser paa troens ophavsmann og fullender Jesus, han som for den glede som ventet ham, led taalmodig korset, uten aa akte vanæren og nu sitter paa høire side av Guds trone. Ja, gi akt paa ham som taalmodig har lidt en slik motsigelse av syndere, saa I ikke skal gaa trett og bli motløse i eders sjeler." (Hebr. 12, 1-3).

For mig personlig har det ikke minst gjort godt aa komme Jesus Kristus ihu som den der fullbyrdet den gjerning Faderen hadde gitt ham tiltross for alle vanskeligheter og tiltross for at han fikk se liten frukt av sitt arbeide. Til aa begynne med samlet han de store skarer og var populær paa grunn av de undere han gjorde og de forventninger han kalte til live. Men det varte ikke lenge. Motstanden fra de ledendes side meldte sig og mange disipler falt fra. Da han talte om sig selv som livsens brød, knurret de og sa det var en haard tale. Og resultatet blev at "mange av hans disipler drog sig tilbake og gikk ikke lenger omkring med ham."

Tilbake stod en liten flokk som ikke vilde forlate ham. Men ogsaa de skulde komme til aa skuffe ham. En av dem forraadte ham, en fornektet ham og alle flyktet de i Getsemane have. Da han drog inn i Jerusalem blev han hilst med hosiannarop. Men kort tid etter blev han av de samme folk møtt med ropet: Korsfest! Tros alt dette, fullbyrdet han sin gjerning. (Johs. 17, 4) Han handlet etter det ord han engang sa til disiplene: "Min mat er aa gjøre hans vilje som har sendt mig." Og resultatet kjenner vi. Han blev selv ophøiet og han blev aarsak til frelse for alle dem som lyder ham.—

Naar vi nu møter vanskeligheter i

## I Brennpunktet

Ditt Andaktsliv

Hvordan er ditt andaktsliv? Det er intimt forbunnet med ditt aandelige liv. Likesom legemet maa ha aandedrett og blodomløp for aa kunne leve, slik maa ogsaa ditt aandelige liv ha disse for aa vedvare. Det er ikke noe vi har faatt engang for alle uten aa gjøre noe for aa bevare det. Det maa fornyes fra dag til dag ved Ordet, bønnene og sakramentet. For disse er ditt aandelige livs aandedrett og blodomløp. Uten disse er du aandelig død, likegyldig hvem du er.

"Kan jeg faa ringe opp til Dem i morgen tidlig—helst før klokken aatte? — Selvfølgelig. Men vær snill of ikke ring mellom kvart paa aatte og aatte, for da holder vi husandakt og vil nødig bli forstyrret ..."

Husandakt ved dagens begynnelse midt i travle hverdagslivet i byen, eller ute paa landet med "springs work, summer fallow, weeding and gardening and chores." Det er visst ikke svert almindelig i vaar rastløse og verdsliggjorte tid. Derfor er det saa mye mere gledelig aa høre om slike mennesker som tar seg tid til aa gjennomføre en kristen husorden med morgenandakt hver eneste dag.

Lykkelige hjem som helliger dagen med Guds ord, bønn og sang! Visst koster det noe aa gjennomføre husandakt. Og det vel ikke like lett for alle aa kunne innrette seg slik at en i fellesskap kan innvie dagen til Gud, og ta tid til aa være stille for hans ansikt. Men med litt selvfornektelse og god vilje kunne det vistnok gjøres mye mere for aa finne en høvelig tid til husandakt. Morgenens er selvsagt det mest ideelle tidspunkt, men hvis det ikke kan skje da, vil en annen tid paa dagen, ogsaa kunne brukes til aa samles med familien i stillhet for Guds ansikt.

Ingen kan virkelig maale hva det betyr for aanden og tonen i et hjem der far og mor samles med sine barn til felles andaktsstunder.—Forholdet mellom foreldre og barn, mellom ektefeller og mellom søsken innbyrdes ville bli preget av den daglige omgang med Guds ord, av fellesbønnene og salmesangen. For naar forholdet til Gud er rett og aapent, er det merkelig hvordan en som familie faar oppleve Guds velsignelse i form av hjemmefred og stille familielykke, fortrolig samfunn med hverandre og indre harmoni.

Engang gav Moses Israels folk en formaning om aa ta vare paa Guds ord, som er høyst aktuell opssa idag. "Og du skal innprente dine barn dem, og du skal tale om dem naar du sitter i ditt hus, og naar du gaar paa veien, og naar du legger deg, og naar du staar op!" (5 Mos. 6:7).

Har Guds ord faatt en slik plass i ditt hjerte, ditt hjem og famieliv?

—H. A. S.

vaart arbeide og ser liten frukt av det, saa la oss komme Jesus Kristus ihu. Han oplevet det samme, men fullbyrdet sin gjerning tross alt, og den blev til frelse.—La oss hilse hverandre med 1. Kor. 15, 58: "Derfor mine elskede brødre, vær faste, urokkelige, alltid rike i Herrens gjerning, da I vet at eders arbeide ikke er unyttig i Herren." Og la oss ta til oss Paulus' formaning til den forsakte evangelist og menighetsleder Timoteus: "Vær edru i alle ting, lid ondt, gjør en evangelists gjerning, fullfør din tjeneste."

—Halfdan Riiser.



## BETHANY SUNSET HOME

The matter of the ingathering of funds for a Sunset Home, or homes, in our district was of great interest. It created a great deal of discussion when the committee on charities brought this issue in the form of a resolution. Should one home be built and that in Saskatoon? Should there be a district wide ingathering for such a home? Should the decision of last convention be implemented which stated that a home should first be built in Saskatoon and then one later in Alberta as it was found feasible? These were the questions brought before the convention before noon on Saturday. Two problems were connected with these questions: First: In what way should the funds be used which are now available in Bethany Sunset Home? These funds had been contributed by both Provinces. Second: Should the funds brought in through the forthcoming drive in Alberta be used for the Home in Saskatchewan or should they be retained in Alberta?

The decision was, after careful deliberation and discussion, that two-thirds of the present fund (not including that gathered through the canvass that has been carried on in Saskatchewan) should go to the establishment of the home in Saskatoon, and one-third together with what will be gathered in the drive for funds in Alberta, be retained in Alberta. As a result the present plan is for a home in each Province. However, this means that since two homes are to be built there will have to be sacrificial giving in both Provinces. The canvass in Alberta is now under way under the direction of Pastor G. J. Ostrem. The money thus gathered in remains in Alberta.

## BOYS' WORK

A field that has been scarcely touched in our district has been that of Boys' work. There have been small attempts made in several places. A committee has already been functioning, but the work is comparatively new. It is very important work. Pastor C. E. Johnson, Executive Secretary for Lutheran Brotherhood, recommended the election of one man as contact man for Lutheran Brotherhood and one man for Boys' Work. These men are to participate in Worker's conferences for Boys' Work in the U.S. It was further decided that a contact man for Boys' Work be appointed in each congregation of our church. Much blessing can come through implementing these recommendations in the much-neglected field in reaching our boys. May the Lord grant strength and vision for this important work.

## Edmonton Circuit WMF Workers' Conference

The first Workers' Conference of Edmonton Circuit was held at Viking April 19, with nine Ladies' Aid presidents and seven executive members present. The meeting was a great inspiration to all, as many phases of WMF work were explained and many helpful suggestions given.

## From Central Lutheran, Edmonton

Mrs. Grace Knight, past president of the Dominion Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) was the guest speaker at the last Ladies' Aid meeting. Her talk was very enlightening and should awaken in us a deep desire to further the work of temperance in our grand country. In her address, Mrs. Knight brought to our attention the subtle way in which these liquor advertisements find their way into our homes through magazines, in fact even in our daily newspapers. She urged us to let the editors of such magazines and newspapers know that we do not wish to have publications with such advertisements come into our homes, where our young children must see them.

May we as a Lutheran Church body do everything in our power to fight this evil which runs rampant today.

—Mrs. Florence S. Esdale, Promotion Sec., Edmonton.

## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

Editor: Mrs. Josef B. Haave, Admiral, Saskatchewan.

Matt. 5:8: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Someone has said that if one had to choose from among the Beatitudes just one to keep, and must lose the rest, the one to choose would be the sixth, "Blessed are the pure," for in it are contained all of the others.

Who are the pure in heart? They are not the sinless. Remember what the Scriptures teach us about our sinful nature and our inability to do what is right, Psalms 51:5; 1 John 1:8; Rom. 7:19. This Beatitude does not deal with the impossible. God never tempts the despair of human beings by dangling before them promises and prizes which they cannot reach. This quality, which we do not have in us, God can and will give us. In Rev. 1:5 we read that it was Jesus Christ who "loved us and washed us from our sins in His blood."

So we see that this Beatitude is not for the sinless but for those whose sins have been forgiven, who have had their robes "washed white in the blood of the lamb." It is for every single one of us who have recognized our own poverty and helplessness and have asked God to forgive us our many sins—even those of which we are unaware—and who have opened our hearts to His cleansing and renewing grace.

How is purity attained? By daily confession, by daily laying our burden of sin before the Mercy Seat, and so daily experiencing the cleansing power of Christ.

The promise attached to this Beatitude is that "they shall see God." I believe that it refers to two treasured experiences of the child of God, one of which is his while he is still in this world, the other of which is to be his ultimate happiness in the life to come. The pure in heart have the privilege of walking daily with God, until that earthly walk is translated into a heavenly one. When the evildoer faces the reality of the presence of God, he will "call upon the rocks to fall and cover him." Not so the Christian. To him will sound the call of a loving God, "Come ye children of the Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you."

—WMF Program Series.

## Saskatoon Circuit L.D.R.

The annual convention was held on May 18 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Outlook. God answered our prayers for this convention for truly it was a blessed time. Mrs. Mars A. Dale spoke to us on "Witnessing" under three sub-headings: 1) Are we qualified? Not a mental experience or book knowledge but it must be a heart revelation so that we can say, "I know whom I have believed." 2) Are we willing to be witnesses and are we willing to follow? Christ says, "If any man will come after me let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me." 3) Are we willing to see the need? How can we be indifferent and cold? How can we be still? The door is wide open and we as Christians must be ready to find all those who are seeking. She stressed "Prayer" and the "Word" as equipment to use for our witnessing. After hearing Mrs. Dale's testimony and challenge concerning prayer, how can anyone undermine the scope and power of much prayer?

During the interesting business meeting we heard from local, circuit and district presidents. We were pleased to hear of the fine work our two L.C.R.'s are doing. The "Missionary for a Day" plan was emphasized and again I would encourage girls to missionary support. That, too, is a way of spreading the "Word".

At the evening session three L.D.R. girls presented challenging papers on our theme "Follow Me"—"In Personal Salvation," by Irene Ulven; "In

Self-Denial," by Aileen Hetland; "In Service," by Alice Hanson.

The officers elected are: President, Phyllis Sylte; vice-pres., Grace Rawling; sec.-treas., Ramona Vaxvick. The convention offering of \$49.54 was divided as follows: one-half to district treasury; one-quarter to literature for Zululand and one-quarter to "Missionary for a Day." Our prayer is that those from local L.D.R.'s may have gone back from the convention with inspiration and zeal to work for the Lord through the L.D.R.

—Astrid Hauberg.

## Camrose Circuit L.D.R.

On May 17 the L.D.R. met in convention at Parkland Church, opening with the song "Onward Lutheran Daughters" and Doris Collin leading in devotion. Information on Treasure Chests, Worship Offering, and Missionary for a Day plan was given by Mildred Lyseng. In the afternoon the convention continued at the home of Cliff Brager where the president, Mrs. Carl Johnson, explained the projects supported by the L.D.R.

The theme for the panel discussion was "Follow Me," in three parts: 1) "Christ is the Way," by Thelma Leiren, who pointed out that it is sin that bars us from heaven; 2) "Follow Me Into Service," by Dorothy Olson. Christ speaks these words to you and me. It is what Christ wants us to be that counts, so may we be willing to work for Him. 3) "Follow Me Into Glory," by Thelma Skaret. This is the hope of the Christian. There is no glory outside of Jesus Christ. If we carry our cross with Him, we will also wear the crown with Him. The officers elected are: President, Jouen Skog; vice-pres., Mrs. Carl Johnson; secretary, Mildred Lyseng; treasurer, Margaret Owren.

—Mildred Lyseng, secretary.

## Yorkton Circuit W.M.F.

The annual convention was held on May 7 at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Leroy, Sask. The theme "Power from on High," Acts 1:8, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, Judea, in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The morning worship service was conducted by Pastor Haave who took as his text Psalm 122. God wants us to worship Him in His house and at His time, but we would rather worship in times to suit ourselves rather than God. God wants us to be responsive when we are invited to the House of the Lord. Let us invite our friends and neighbors to worship.

Mrs. Esbensen, Preeceville, prepared the first part of the theme, "Ye shall be witnesses at Home." Even if it seems so very small, that which we do can help work into bigger things, just as a pebble thrown into the ocean, its waves will grow and become larger. To the millions abroad, to whom as yet the Gospel is unknown, to our friends, neighbors, young people, in our own household, let us hold forth the Word of God by our prayers, by our means—big or small, and by the utmost use of our talents whatever they may be. Make Christ real in every walk of life.

Mrs. M. Oberg, Hendon, was the only one present of the standing nominating committee. Mrs. Langley, Strassbourg, and Mrs. K. Knudsen, Leroy, were elected to act. The roll call conducted by the vice-president, Mrs. C. Westby, showed that eight Ladies' Aids were represented, out of the 28 Aids in the circuit.

Five members of the Rose Valley parish, Mrs. O. Strand, Mrs. E. Sigstad, Mrs. I. Quaal, Mrs. M. Oberg and Mrs. C. Westby, presented a brief playlet on the value of good books which can be obtained from our

church publishing house, not forgetting the splendid reading and information gleaned from our church papers, The Shepherd, News Bulletin and Lutheran Herald.

Part two of the theme, "Ye shall be my witnesses abroad" was read by Muriel Rostad, Southey. God wants the opportunity to work through us. Letting the Spirit work within us, we can speak with the wisdom of God and not by the wisdom of men.

The reports given by the department secretaries shows that many of the Aids are not sending the required information to these secretaries.

Officers elected are: President, Mrs. C. Ottoson, Naicam; vice-pres., Mrs. P. E. Nelson, Naicam; secretary, Mrs. F. Carlson, Preeceville; treasurer, Mrs. A. Tveit, Preeceville. Department secretaries are: Missions, Mrs. C. A. Westby, Rose Valley; Education, Mrs. Thompson, Bulvea; Charities, Mrs. J. Hetland, Naicam; Life Membership and In Memoriam, Mrs. Art Brandsgard, Southey; Promotion, Mrs. H. Melby, Melville.

On her departure from Yorkton Circuit, a Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mrs. Haave in appreciation of her work.

Pastor and Mrs. H. F. Johnson, Kyle, were present. They will soon be taking up work at Leroy and we pray God's blessing upon them.

Mrs. Dale of Saskatoon brought an inspiring message in the evening. If we let the Holy Ghost work in our lives, we will receive power to witness for Him. Let us pray God to give us power to witness for Him, abroad and at home.

Convention offering amounted to \$71.87.

This report is a very small account of all the splendid thoughts brought to us all that day. I know all who attended must have received much blessing from the Word of God put before us, and I wish to urge upon all members to make every effort to attend our next W.M.F. day.

—Mrs. C. Westby.

## Camrose Circuit W.M.F.

The annual convention was held at Parkland Church, May 17. Pastor K. C. Grundahl of Camrose, in his opening sermon, likened the convention invitation to the invitation in the theme, "Come, for all things are now ready," Luke 14:15-23. The theme was in three parts: 1) Preparation for, and the Invitation, by Mrs. R. O. Olson, Ardena; 2) Excuses for rejecting the invitation, by Mrs. Hill Kasa, Meeting Creek, and 3) The Response, by Mrs. Grundahl, Camrose. There can be only two responses, Yes, or No. The church was filled to capacity with delegates and visitors from 17 Aids.

Officers elected are: President, Mrs. C. A. Magneson, Camrose; vice-pres., Mrs. Lloyd Hamilton, Edberg; secretary, Mrs. Robert Lyseng, Ardena; treasurer, Mrs. Martin Hendrickson, Bittern Lake. The department secretaries are: Missions, Mrs. George Lyseng, Ardena; Education, Mrs. Alfred Lein, Edberg; Charities, Mrs. Leonard Bergum, Donald; Life Membership and In Memoriam, Mrs. Setter, Amisk; Promotion, Mrs. N. E. Pearson, Wetaskiwin.

Convention offering amounted to \$70.68. Let us pray God's richest blessings on our work for the coming year.

—Mrs. Robert Lyseng, secretary.

Speaking truth is like writing fair, and only comes by practice.—Ruskin.

## ONE ISSUE OF THE SHEPHERD DURING JULY

It was decided by the management of The Shepherd that only one issue should be printed in the month of July. August will have its two issues again.